

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re HOWARD et al.

Group Art Unit: 1761

U.S. Application No.: 10/774,692

Examiner: Tran Lien, Thuy

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER
TO THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant(s) hereby **appeal(s)** to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the last decision of the examiner.

- ☒ The fee for this Notice of Appeal is \$ 500.00 (37 CFR § 41.20(b)(1)).
- ☐ Applicant(s) assert entitlement to Small Entity Status (37 CFR § 1.27), reducing the Appeal Fee by half to \$ 250.00.
- ☐ Charge \$__ to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.
- ☒ On-line payment in the amount of the fee due of \$500 is being made concurrently herewith via the EFS-Web.
- ☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Not required (fee paid in prior appeal in this application).
- ☐ A petition for extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136(a) is enclosed.
**** * This paper is being timely filed Monday, May 15, 2006; the first succeeding business day following Sunday May 14, 2006.***
- ☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with this appeal (specifically including the fee for filing a brief in support of this appeal if such brief is filed unaccompanied by full payment therefor, and the fee for filing a request for an oral hearing if such request is made unaccompanied by full payment therefor), or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1135. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1135.

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